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PATENT**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: Pin-Chin Connie Wang, et al. : Confirmation No.: 7762
Serial No.: 10/672,126 : Art Unit: 2813
Filed: 9/26/2003 : Examiner: Thanhha S. Pham
For: METHOD OF MANUFACTURING AN INTEGRATED CIRCUIT
WITH LOW SOLUBILITY METAL-CONDUCTOR
INTERCONNECT CAP

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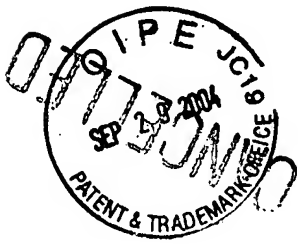
Concerning the Examiners statement of reasons for allowance, it is respectfully submitted that claims 11-22 are allowable because they claim a combination, which includes, *inter alia*, concepts related to those addressed by the Examiner.

Respectfully submitted,

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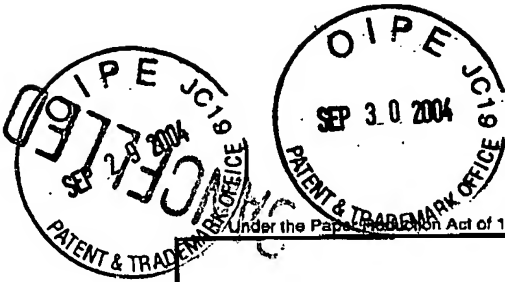
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